

PFGC Accepts Memberships

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council (PFGC) has announced new membership rates for 1998.

The Council, with your membership and support, can accomplish much toward a better forage industry, environment, and community.

It's a big challenge and the PFGC needs your help. By becoming a member now, PFGC can serve an even more active role in support of the forage industry.

The PFGC, formed in 1960, is made up of individuals and organizations that are interested in forage and grassland-based agriculture. The PFGC is dedicated to the production

and utilization of quality forage and grassland.

The PFGC works in a variety of ways to promote the industry, through publication of Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland News, through the publication of *Foraging Around*, and sponsoring individual workshops, training events, field days, Ag Progress Days, leadership, and other activities.

Every member receives the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland News, the Hay and Forage Grower magazine, and a PFGC membership directory.

So to become part of a growing industry, use this membership form included here to sign up now.

Items To Consider In The Development Of A Grazier Network

HARRISBURG — These considerations are general in nature and are intended to help graziers who are interested in developing a network of graziers.

1. The group initially should develop a purpose and goals or operating procedures.

2. Elect officers or select a coordinating committee.

3. Organize as an independent group and invite public agency personnel to meet with the group as the need arises or as an advisor.

4. Select a format for meeting (open discussion or formal presentation).

5. Stress honesty within membership (share the good and the bad). A key to the success of the group will be in learning from each other.

6. Establish a list of topics for meetings if format is other than open discussion groups.

7. Adopt meeting dates (suggest set time and day, such as the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.).

8. Select meeting location(s). If they are to be pasture walks, select hosts

9. Develop method for mailing notices of upcoming meetings or walks. Who will do it, how will the cost of postage and copying be paid for?

a. Maintain mailing list confidentiality. It should be used only by responsible person within the group for mailing meeting notices or other group mailings.

10. Open discussion pasture walks need to have a coordinator (not host) to:

- Watch clock
- Watch group and keep them together.
- Be the leader.
- Watch group so they keep focused on pasture walk.

e. ask questions (of host and audience) to spur discussions.

f. If industry personnel are present do not allow sales promotions.

g. Make sure discussion is conducted in pasture not at barn.

11. Maintain proper lines of communication with local agency personnel when involving state staff specialists in local meetings. Keep local agencies involved with group but do not rely on them to organize and conduct meetings.

12. If refreshments are to be part of the meeting make sure that someone is responsible for each meeting.

Name _____

Address _____

County _____

Phone (____) _____

Occupation (check one)

- ☐ Farmer
☐ Industry
☐ Scientist/Educator

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Membership Classification (check one)

- ☐ Individual or Youth Group (\$20)
☐ Individual - 5 years (\$90)
☐ Scientific/Professional Society (\$20)
☐ Supporting Organization (Industry) (\$75 or more)

Life memberships of \$150 per member will be accepted until Dec. 31, 1998.

Make check payable to Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council.

Detach this application and mail along with your check to Richard Hann, Executive Director, PFGC, P.O. Box 355, Hershey, PA 17033.



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